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FOR AMBASSADOR; WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, EG, US

SUBJECT: PROPOSED F-5 SALE TO EGYPT

REFS: (A) STATE 46556 (B) CAIRO 5851

1. QUESTION OF EGYPTIAN F-5 CONFIGURATION CAME UP  
IN FEBRUARY 24 BRIEFINGS FOR SENATE AND HOUSE STAFFERS  
WITH QUESTIONS FOCUSING ON WHETHER PLANES WOULD BE EQUIPPED  
WITH CERTAIN ADD-ONS TO NORMAL CONFIGURATION, E.G. ABILITY  
TO DELIVER MAVERICKS AND LASER GUIDED BOMBS AND TO BE  
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AERIALY REFUELED. WE INDICATED CONFIGURATION NOT  
DEFINITELY DETERMINED, PENDING OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SUB-  
JECT WITH GOE. IT IS CLEAR THAT INCLUDING SUCH ADD-ONS  
WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY COMPOUND OUR PROBLEMS WITH CONGRESS ON  
THE F-5 PROPOSAL.

2. WE CONSIDER IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO CONFIRM ASAP THAT

GOE UNDERSTANDS THAT PLANES WILL NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE ADD-ONS  
IN QUESTION. WHEN YOU SEE GAMASY, WE SUGGEST YOU TAKE  
THE LINE THAT OUR WORKING ASSUMPTION HAS BEEN F-5'S FOR  
EGYPT WOULD BE STANDARD WITH NORMAL CONFIGURATION OF F-5'S  
SOLD GLOBALLY. WE LEAVE IT TO YOU HOW TO ASSURE THAT GOE  
UNDERSTANDS THIS MEANS THEIR F-5'S WILL NOT BE CONFIGURED

FOR MAVERICK, LGB'S OR AERIAL REFUELING. WE WOULD LIKE  
TO BE ABLE TO AFFIRM IN OUR PRESENTATION TO CONGRESS  
THAT GOE AND WE ARE IN AGREEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. THESE THREE ADD-ONS ARE THE MOST SENSITIVE POLITICALLY.  
BELIEVE WE CAN LEAVE FOR LATER CONSULTATIONS WITH EGYPT-  
IANS THEIR INTEREST IN OTHER POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS  
MENTIONED PARA 4, REF B.  
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